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## *Peace Warriors*

Reading Guide: Mahatma Gandhi

**Before you read... *think about and answer these questions!***

What do you already know about Gandhi, his life, and the countries of India and South Africa (where Gandhi lived)? Think about what you've learned in geography class, other classes, and books!

What questions do you have about Gandhi, where he lived, what he believed, and how he lived his life?

**While you read... *after you read each section, take notes here!***

### **The Son of a Leader (pgs 7-9)**

What are 3 things you learned about Gandhi's childhood?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Vegetarian Lawyer (pgs 9-11)**

\*\*Use the glossary... What is **Hinduism**? \_\_\_\_\_

Look at the picture on page 10. What do you learn about the *Bhagavad Gita* from the picture?

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In 1891, Gandhi graduated from \_\_\_\_\_ school.

Gandhi read something and met someone that helped him learn how to be peaceful...

What did Gandhi read?	How did it change him?
Who did Gandhi meet?	How did it change him?

**Devotion to Truth (pgs 11-13)**

Summarize one of the experiences Gandhi had where he experienced ***racism***. What happened?

\*\*Use the glossary! What does **prejudice** mean?

**Prejudice: a \_\_\_\_\_, often formed without adequate information**

*Another way to say this is **an unfair feeling or dislike for a person because of race, religion, etc.***

How were Indians treated in South Africa?

- They were ridiculed (made fun of) because of their \_\_\_\_\_ and customs (traditions).
- They were \_\_\_\_\_ permitted to vote

What was the Natal Indian Congress? What did it want to do?

Look at the picture on the bottom of pg 12. What do you notice about Gandhi and the Natal Indian Congress?

**Satyagraha** means "devotion to truth" and using love as a force. To explain, Gandhi wrote, "The force of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ always wins over \_\_\_\_\_."

In your own words, what does this mean?

**"Indianness" (pgs 13-15)**

How did the Black Act affect Indians living in South Africa?

How did people who followed Gandhi and **satyagraha** defy (or go against) the act?

1.

2.

How were people treated in response?

How did living in South Africa influence and change Gandhi?

### **A Leader of His People (pgs 15-17)**

Explain the "caste system"

How did Gandhi want to change the caste system?

**\*\*Use the glossary! What is *indigo*?**

A \_\_\_\_\_ often used to make dye

Explain what happened with Gandhi and the indigo farmers:

### **Great Soul (pgs 17-18)**

What does *Mahatma* mean? \_\_\_\_\_

How many people did British soldiers kill at the Amritsar Massacre? \_\_\_\_\_

What does "hartal" mean? (look on page 18) a \_\_\_\_\_ strike

A "strike" means that Gandhi wanted Indian people NOT to buy anything British, NOT to go to British owned stores, and NOT depend on the British at all.

Why was Gandhi arrested in 1922?

### **Fasting for Peace (pgs 19-20)**

In the "the Great Fast of 1924," Gandhi said he wouldn't eat until \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ made an effort to get along.

### **Marching for Salt (pgs 21-24)**

List 3 problems that came from the British tax on salt:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

***"Boycott"*** means that you refuse to buy something as a way of protesting.

Why did Gandhi start the Salt March and walk over 200 miles?

How did the Salt March inspire Indian people?

*Look on page 23.*

How did the police treat the Indian protesters?	How did the Indian protesters respond?

How did newspapers help the Indian people?

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**\*\*Use the glossary! What does **viceroy** mean?**

a person \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of a sovereign over a colony, country or province

What did Gandhi agree to do?

**Foot Soldier, Holy Man (pgs 24-25)**

What finally happened on August 12, 1947? \_\_\_\_\_

**Perfect Amity (pg 25)**

Why did Gandhi start another fast on January 13, 1948?

**Rama, Rama, Rama (pgs 27-29)**

What did Nathuram Godse do to Gandhi? \_\_\_\_\_

The last words Gandhi said were "*Rama, rama, rama* - I \_\_\_\_\_ you, I \_\_\_\_\_ you, I bless you."

What did Gandhi think of the death penalty? \_\_\_\_\_

"An \_\_\_\_\_ for an \_\_\_\_\_ makes the whole world \_\_\_\_\_"

Gandhi has been called the "\_\_\_\_\_ of India."

**After you read... answer these 3 big questions of nonfiction!**

Think about this chapter on Gandhi...

What surprised me?	What did the author think I already knew?	What changed, challenged or confirmed what I already knew?

Now, reflect on your definition of a hero and our class definition of a hero. **Is Gandhi a hero? EXPLAIN!**

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